

IV. DELINEATION OF AREAS PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION

Four different areas were selected for study to determine their eligibility for annexation. They were selected according to two different criteria. First, the areas were selected because they form a geographic or homogeneous area with the present City and therefore have a common bond of location, community identity and a need for common services such as utilities, schools, parks, etc. And second, the boundaries of the areas were outlined to meet the requirements of the State enabling legislation. The four areas have been designated for identification purposes with the letters A, B, C, and D.

Area A - Description and General Characteristics

Area A is located southeast of the central business district and is referred to as East Rockingham. Even though it has its own post office, elementary and high school it is unincorporated. It consists of an area which grew from the construction of textile mills such as Aleo, Safie, Beaunit and the Hannah Picket plant. In previous years, mill housing was constructed in conjunction with the industrial plants and the resulting development has created an area of poorly designed and planned subdivisions on which a large amount of inexpensive housing has been constructed. Since there is no public body responsible for utilities and improvements there is no active force to improve conditions. Some of the mills own water and sewerage lines which serve both industrial and residential purposes. The basic characteristic of the area is one of substandard housing and physical development.

Total Area - 1,095.2 acres

Dwelling Units - 1,372

Persons Per Dwelling Unit - 3.8 (Wolf Pit Twp. Average)

Population - 5,214

Persons Per Gross Acre - 4.6

Aggregate External Boundary - 35,200'

Boundary Contiguous to Corporate Boundary - 11,000'

Percent of Aggregate Boundary Contiguous to Corporate Boundary
- 31.2%

Area Within the Boundary of Another Incorporated Municipality -
None